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United Farm Workers holiday store is open online for unique gift-giving ideas

Show your support for the United Farm Workers of America by purchasing some unique gifts at their online store! Holiday gift ideas include magnets, stickers, mugs, hats, jewelry, posters, toys, and more!

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UFW: Working for a safe and just food supply

Begun in the early 1960s by Cesar Chavez, Dolores Huerta, Larry Itliong, and other organizers, the United Farm Workers of America is the nation's first enduring and largest farm workers' union. The UFW continues its activism in major agricultural sectors, chiefly in California. UFW contract agreements protect thousands of vegetable, berry, winery, tomato, and dairy workers in California, Oregon, and Washington state. More than 75 percent of California's fresh mushroom industry is now under union contract. Many landmark recent UFW-sponsored laws and regulations protect all farm workers in California, especially at non-union ranches. They include the first state laws in the nation pro-

viding farm workers with overtime pay after eight hours a day in California, Washington state, and Oregon; the first comprehensive standards in the U.S. to prevent heat deaths and illnesses in California; and recent COVID19 protections for agricultural workers. The UFW is a leader in the national movement for immigration reform. It's most recent reform bill for immigrant field workers passed the U.S. House on a broad bipartisan vote last year. The union continues proactively championing legislative and regulatory reforms for farm workers covering issues such as overtime, heat safety, other worker protections, and pesticides. For more information about the UFW visit ufw.org.

Show your support for the UFW by purchasing from them online at <https://ufwstore.com/>



90 year old Herb Alpert coming to De Vos Performance Hall on Sunday, May 11, 2025

2025 will be a Big Year for Herb Alpert. Herb will be 90 years old on March 31, his classic album, "Whipped Cream & Other Delights" will be 60 years old, and Herb and his wife Lani are still celebrating their marriage of 50 years. Additionally, due to an out-pouring from longtime fans, Herb will, for the first time in over 35 years, be touring throughout 2025 with a show at DeVos Performance Hall on Sunday, May 11 with an all new "Tijuana Brass". All of those great hit songs and wonderful memories that we all grew up listening to will be performed by Herb and his exciting new touring band in a once in a lifetime concert tour!

This show will be an evening with Herb Alpert and his brand-new Tijuana Brass. Herb along with his 6 great musicians will be playing all your favorite TJB hit songs just as you remember hearing them while growing up. 2025 will mark the 60th anniversary of the iconic album,

"Whipped Cream & Other Delights". Herb and the band will be performing many of those great songs in addition to many other hit songs that we all know; "The Lonely Bull", "Spanish Flea", "Taste of Honey", "Mexican Shuffle", "Tijuana Taxi", "This Guy's In Love With You", "What Now My Love", "Zorba the Greek", "Ladyfingers", "Rise" and many other delights. The show runs 90 minutes and is informal as Herb loves to answer questions from the audience about his career, A&M Records and the many iconic artists like Sergio Mendes & Brasil 66, The Carpenters and Burt Bacharach that he has worked with over the past 63 years. The show features a giant video screen that displays hundreds of classic photos, videos, art and various memorabilia from Herb's music career. A really exciting show and truly a Once in a Lifetime Concert Event!

Tickets are on sale now at DeVosPerformanceHall.com.

Trees for Troops event at Wahmhoff Farms

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) Director Tim Boring and Chief of Staff Kathy Angerer along with representatives from the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and Michigan Christmas Tree Association participated in a Trees for Troops event at Wahmhoff Farms in Gobles, MI on December 2, 2024.

Trees for Troops, a program of the Christmas SPIRIT Foundation and corporate partner FedEx, provides free, farm-grown Christmas trees to U.S. armed forces members in all branches of the military and their families thank to donations, sponsorships, grants and the work of many volunteers. This year marks the 20th year of Trees for Troops, and trees are set to be delivered to 93 total bases across the U.S., including 15 bases receiving trees for the first time.

“It’s wonderful to be here at Wahmhoff Farms today to help support the Trees for Troops program and to give back to the hard-working men and women in military service, who protect us every day,” said *Director Boring*. “The Trees for Troops program creates the perfect opportunity to give the gift of local agriculture – fresh, Michigan-grown Christmas trees – given with the utmost respect for our military members. Wahmhoff Farms and other Michigan Christmas tree farmers, along with community donors and volunteers, have come together to fill a semi-truck with holiday cheer. This is what the holiday season is all about.”

“The Michigan National Guard is thrilled to work alongside dedicated



community members to assist with this year’s Trees for Troops event. This event is a fantastic representation of the level of support Michigan communities strive to provide military servicemembers and their families,” said *Colonel James Rossi of the Michigan National Guard*. “It is incredible knowing the amount of effort the Trees for Troops volunteers put in to make sure military members are able to celebrate the holidays around these beautiful Michigan grown trees.”

Wahmhoff Farms Nursery is a family-owned and operated Christmas tree farm in Southwest Michigan. The family has been growing and selling quality Christmas trees for over 70 years. They offer retail and U-cut Christmas trees, garland, wreaths and more.

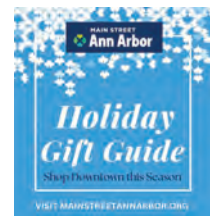
Governor Whitmer has also proclaimed December as Michigan Christmas Tree Month, to celebrate the many holiday traditions that center around the family Christmas tree.

Michigan is home to over 500 Christmas tree farms and ranks third in the nation for the number of Christmas trees harvested. Michigan farmers supply approximately 2 million fresh trees to the national market each year, with an annual farm gate value of more than \$40 million. This month provides a great opportunity for Michiganders to buy a fresh, locally grown Christmas tree.

To find a real Michigan Christmas tree near you visit <https://mcta.org/find-a-real-christmas-tree/>

Downtown Ann Arbor’s Holiday Gift Guide

Ann Arbor, MI: This holiday season, discover the perfect gift and support local businesses with the *Main Street Ann Arbor Holiday Gift Guide!* The online gift guide features must-have gifts from beloved retailers, restaurants, and artisans in downtown Ann Arbor.



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The guide is available exclusively online at www.mainstreetannarbor.org.

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Fortune/Feimster returns to DeVos

Grand Rapids: Affable, charismatic and one of a kind, standup comedian, writer, and actor, Fortune/Feimster announces a show at DeVos Performance Hall on Friday, May 16, 2025. Fortune uses her confessional comedy to bring people together. Through laughter and storytelling, she shows audiences of all ages, backgrounds, and sexual orientations that common ground is only a joke or two away.

Tickets are on sale now at DeVosPerformanceHall.com.



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